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Re:

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
Leveraged Lease Locomotive Financing

BNSF 1997-C

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am enclosing for recording pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code, three copies of each of the primary documents and the secondary documents described below. As one of the attorneys representing the Lessee in this transaction, I have knowledge of the matters described in this letter.

The primary documents are as follows:

- (1) Memorandum of Lease Agreement (BNSF 1997-C), dated April 28, 1997, between Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd., as lessor (the "Lessor"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as lessee (the "Lessee"); and
- (2) Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1997-C), dated April 28, 1997, between the Lessor, the Lessee, and First Security Bank, National Association, as indenture trustee (the "Indenture Trustee").

The secondary documents are as follows:

- (1) Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-C), dated April 28, 1997, between the Lessee and the Lessor; and
- (2) Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-C), dated April 28, 1997, between the Lessor and the Indenture Trustee.

The primary documents to which Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-C) and Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-C) are connected are the Memorandum of Lease Agreement (BNSF 1997-C) and the Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1997-C), respectively, referred to above, which are being submitted for recording concurrently therewith.

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The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed documents are as follows:

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT

Lessee:

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

2650 Lou Menk Drive

Second Floor

Fort Worth, Texas 76131

Lessor:

Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd.

Caledonian House

Mary Street P.O. Box 1043 George Town

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

Lessor:

Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd.

Caledonian House

Mary Street P.O. Box 1043 George Town

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

Lessee:

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

2650 Lou Menk Drive

Second Floor

Fort Worth, Texas 76131

Indenture Trustee:

First Security Bank, National Association,

as Indenture Trustee

Corporate Trust Department

79 South Main Street

Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

Lessee:

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

2650 Lou Menk Drive

Second Floor

Fort Worth, Texas 76131

Law Offices of

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Lessor:

Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd.

Caledonian House

Mary Street P.O. Box 1043 George Town

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

Lessor:

Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd.

Caledonian House Mary Street

P.O. Box 1043 George Town

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

Lessee:

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

2650 Lou Menk Drive

Second Floor

Fort Worth, Texas 76131

Indenture Trustee:

First Security Bank, National Association,

as Indenture Trustee

Corporate Trust Department

79 South Main Street

Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

The description of the equipment covered as of the date hereof by the aforesaid Memorandum of Lease Agreement, Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement, Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 and the Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 is as set forth on Exhibit A hereto.

A fee of ninety-six dollars (\$96.00) is enclosed. Please time and date stamp the enclosed copies of each of the enclosed documents along with the extra copy of this letter as proof of filing and recordation of the enclosed documents and return the original and any extra copies of such documents and this letter not needed by the Board for recordation to:

Karl T. Williams, Esq. Chapman and Cutler 111 West Monroe Chicago, Illinois 60603

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A short summary of each of the documents to appear in the index follows:

(1) MEMORANDUM OF LEASE AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Lease Agreement (BNSF 1997-C) between Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd., as Lessor, Caledonian House, Mary Street, P.O. Box 1043, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131, dated April 28, 1997, covering diesel electric locomotives bearing the road numbers listed in the Exhibit attached thereto.

(2) MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1997-C) between Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd., as Lessor, Caledonian House, Mary Street, P.O. Box 1043, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131, and First Security Bank, National Association, as Indenture Trustee, Attention: Corporate Trust Department, 79 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, dated April 28, 1997, covering the obligations of the Lessor and the Lessee relating to diesel electric locomotives bearing the road numbers listed in the Exhibit attached thereto.

(3) MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1:

Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-C) between Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd., as Lessor, Caledonian House, Mary Street, P.O. Box 1043, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131, dated April 28, 1997, covering diesel electric locomotives bearing the road numbers listed in the Exhibit attached thereto. The Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 is related to the Memorandum of Lease Agreement between the Lessor and the Lessee, dated April 28, 1997, which is filed concurrently herewith.

(4) MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1:

Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-C) between Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd., as Lessor, Caledonian House, Mary Street, P.O. Box 1043, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131, and First Security Bank, National Association, as Indenture Trustee, Attention: Corporate Trust Department, 79 South Main Street, Salt Lake

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City, Utah 84111, dated April 28, 1997, covering the obligations of the Lessor and the Lessee relating to diesel electric locomotives bearing road numbers listed in the Exhibit attached thereto. The Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 is related to the Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement between the Lessor and the Indenture Trustee, dated April 28, 1997, which is filed concurrently herewith.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned (312-845-3892).

Sincerely,

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER

By Karl T. Wi

Karl T. Williams

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Enclosures

EXHIBIT A

UNITS

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	ROAD NUMBERS
New General Motors	7	BNSF 9776,
Corporation (Electro-Motive		BNSF 9779,
Division) SD70M-AC		BNSF 9780,
Locomotives	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	BNSF 9790 and
		BNSF 9800 through
		BNSF 9802, inclusive
New General Electric Company	*18	BNSF 1099,
Model Dash 9-44CW Diesel		BNSF 1102,
Electric Locomotives	ε .	BNSF 1103 and
		BNSF 1109 through
		BNSF 1123, inclusive

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MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 (BNSF 1997-C)

Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1, made and entered into on April 28, 1997 by and between Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd., a Cayman Islands corporation ("Lessor"), The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, a Delaware corporation ("Lessee"), and First Security Bank, National Association, a national banking association, as indenture trustee ("Indenture Trustee").

WITNESSETH:

- The undersigned have entered into that certain Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1997-C) (the "Indenture"), dated as of April 28, 1997, by which the Lessor has granted a security interest to the Indenture Trustee in order to secure the Lessor's performance of certain obligations as described in the Indenture.
- A memorandum of said Indenture is being recorded with the Surface Transportation Board concurrently herewith pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code.
- The undersigned have entered into that certain Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1997-C), dated as of April 28, 1997, relating to the above-described Indenture and extending the Lessor's grant of a security interest therein to locomotives bearing road numbers as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

FARGO LOCOMOTIVE LEASE CO., LTD.

Name: Fan Blaustein

Title: President

Executed on this 18th day of April, 1997.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY

 $By_{\underline{}}$

Name: Paul J. Weyandt

Title: Assistant Vice President-Finance

and Assistant Treasurer

Executed on this ____ day of April, 1997.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

By______Name: F. Jan Blaustein
Title: President

Executed on this _____ day of April, 1997.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY

FARGO LOCOMOTIVE LEASE CO., LTD.

Name: Paul J. Weyandt

Title: Assistant Vice President-Finance

and Assistant Treasurer

Executed on this 1997.

FIRST SECURITY BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By Name: Brett R. King
Title: Assistant Vice President

Executed on this Ast day of April, 1997.

STATE OF <u>California</u>)
COUNTY OF <u>Jan Francisco</u>) SS.: On this, the 18th day of April, 1997, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared F. Jan Blaustein, who being by me duly sworn, says that she is the President of Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd., that said instrument was signed on April \$8, 1997 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and she acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned. M. G. BELKIN Commission # 1031689 Name: Notary Public -- California Notary Public ly Comm. Expires Jul 3, 1998 My Commission Expires: Residing in_ SS.: COUNTY OF On this, the ____ day of April, 1997, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Paul J. Weyandt, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the Assistant Vice President - Finance and Assistant Treasurer of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on April , 1997 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned. Name:

Notary Public

Residing in_

My Commission Expires:

STATE OF)
COUNTY OF)
On this, the day of April, 1997, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared F. Jan Blaustein, who being by me duly sworn, says that she is the President of Fargo Locomotive Lease Co., Ltd., that said instrument was signed on April *, 1997 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and she acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.
Name: Notary Public
My Commission Expires: Residing in
STATE OF
On this, the day of April, 1997, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Paul J. Weyandt, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the Assistant Vice President - Finance and Assistant Treasurer of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on April 18, 1997 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in Jake In The Hills Ill

OFFICIAL SEAL
DOROTHY V SCHAETZLE
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 11/20/00

STATE OF UTAH

COUNTY OF Sattake

SS.:

On this, the 2 state day of April, 1997, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Brett R. King, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the Assistant Vice President of FIRST SECURITY BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, that said instrument was signed on April 2, 1997 on behalf of said association by authority of its Board of Directors, and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

NOTICEY PUBLIC

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Name: Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Residing in_____

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New General Electric Company Model Dash 9-44CW Diesel Electric Locomotives		BNSF 1099, BNSF 1102, BNSF 1103 and BNSF 1109 through BNSF 1123, inclusive